

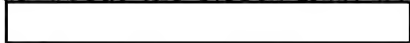
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Having been so negative in my previous letter, I would like to think I could be of a little assistance. However, I first want to say I am quite sure we have not seen the letter of June 1946, which you wanted for Mr. Luce's biographer.

The Director has shown me your letter of 22 February, and I was interested in the P. S. concerning the report Allen Dulles did for President Truman about the North Italy business. I assume you mean the history  which was, of course, the surrender negotiations and their conclusion. I believe all of this has been published, except perhaps the part about the dog.

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I was in Caserta during the time, and as best I can recall the dog was involved in the first meeting when General Airey for the British and General Lemnitzer for the United States went to Switzerland through Annemassee. They were accompanied by a friend of mine, David Crockett, who now lives in Ipswich, Massachusetts. I think it was he who told me that to bolster the informality of their "cover" they bought a dog in Annemassee, and I think you are right that it was a dachshund. You will recall that as a result of that meeting Berlin got suspicious and directed General Wolf not to leave his headquarters, and other arrangements had to be made for subsequent negotiations. I have never heard what happened to the dog, but perhaps you can enlighten me.

Sincerely,

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